

## Railway Claims Tribunal, Principal Bench, Delhi

### Minutes of the Meeting held via Video Conferencing on 15.05.2021 at 12.30 p.m.

#### Present:

S.No.	Name	Designation
1.	Sh. K. S. Ahluwalia	Hon'ble Chairman, RCT, Delhi
2.	Sh. Sunil Mathur	Hon'ble Member (Tech.)
3.	Sh Vijay Kumar	Hon'ble Member (Tech)
3.	Smt. Aashima Mehrotra	Registrar
4.	Smt. Sarah Jayal Sawkmie	Additional Registrar
5.	Sh. K.P.S Nirwal	Asstt. Registrar
6.	Sh. N.L. Gandhi	PS to Hon'ble Chairman
7.	Sh. Devinder Bhardwaj	Chief Office Supdt
8.	Smt. Sonal Behl	Court Master
9.	Sh. Jitender Vikram Singh	Court Master
10.	Sh. Shashi Bhushan Gupta	Sr. Clerk

1. A meeting was organised on 15.05.2021 with the Members, officers and staff of RCT, Delhi. The main agenda of the meeting was to take a decision in view of the Order dated 14.5.2021 issued by the Registrar General of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in which the summer vacations have been pre-poned and will commence from 17th May, 2021 to 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2021 on account of the alarming rise of COVID-19 cases in Delhi.
2. The meeting commenced with the Registrar, RCT, Smt. Aashima Mehrotra, extending a warm welcome to all the participants. She

briefed the participants about the main points in the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. She requested the Hon'ble Chairman to say a few words.

3. Taking stock of the grim situation having arisen on account of the surge in COVID-19 cases and consequent restrictions imposed to curb its spread, the Hon'ble Chairman discussed the matter in detail with both the Hon'ble Members, Registrar and other officers/staff. After deliberations, the following directions were given by the Hon'ble Chairman in light of the recent directions of Hon'ble High Court issued on 14.05.2021:

- a) The summer vacations at RCT, Principal Bench, Delhi, which was scheduled to be held from 14th to 25th June, 2021 shall stand postponed and will be observed from 17th May, 2021 to 28th May, 2021 in accordance with the rules in practice.

- b) Vacation Bench sittings at RCT, Delhi shall be held through virtual mode for matters of an extremely urgent nature and shall be taken up by the Benches as per procedure decided in the virtual meeting held on 20.04.2021 with the representatives of Bar Associations.

In the first week i.e. from 17th May, 2021 to 21st May, 2021, there shall be a Single Member Bench of Shri. Sunil Mathur, Hon'ble Member (Tech.) and in the 2nd week from 24th May, 2021 to 28th May, 2021, there will be a Single Member Bench of Shri. Vijay Kumar, Hon'ble Member (Tech.) through virtual mode for hearing in matters of urgent nature.

- c) Cases listed from 17.5.2021 to 28.5.2021 shall be adjourned and given further dates by the Court Masters and information to this effect shall be duly conveyed to all concerned through Whatsapp group and uploaded on the web portal of RCT. The Court Masters shall ensure that no case remains dateless for further hearing.

- d) The Registry of Principal Bench, Delhi shall remain open with bare minimum strength of staff/officers so as to facilitate filing of fresh cases, WS and Miscellaneous Applications etc.

e) During this period, if any further direction/order is passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, the same will be discussed in a virtual meeting proposed to be held on 28th May, 2021.

It has already been decided in consultative meeting held on 26.04.2021 with Bar Associations and practicing advocate that if the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi extends the present status of hearing beyond 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 the same shall be automatically extended in RCT, Delhi.

The proceedings of the meeting concluded with the Vote of thanks to the Chair and all the attendees.



**(Aashima Mehrotra)**  
Registrar

Dated: 15.05.2021

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1. PS-II to Hon'ble Chairman for information of Hon'ble Chairman.
2. PS to Hon'ble Member (Tech.)-I for information of Hon'ble Member (Tech.)
3. PS to Hon'ble Member (Tech.)-II for information of Hon'ble Member (Tech.)
4. PO, RCT, Delhi
5. Bar Association
6. Notice Board
7. Court Master, RCT, Delhi
8. Concerned staff for uploading on RCT portal
9. Staff of Registry